Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Will you kindly give information regarding the cases which are pending since 1956 ?

† Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I am sorry I do not have dates. I can give you the number of cases which are pending.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Will you kindly furnish those particulars.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—It is given in the annexure on page 16 of printed question and answers.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—I had requested about the number of old cases pending before the High Court. But the question has been changed. Anyway, will you kindly give the present strength of the judges of the High Court and the vacancies if there are any ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The present strength 14 posts which are permanent and 2 additional posts of judges. Out of 16, 13 judges are there and three posts are vacant.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—In answer to (b) you have given a negative answer. From the statement it is seen that there are as many as 3,669 writ petitions pending and almost pending almost equal number of second appeals. I want to know is the strengh commensurate with the number of cases to be disposed of, because there are lot of complaints that the cases are not disposed of speedily. So, could you consider to enhance the strength of the judges in view of increased number of cases ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I think, it is easy to fill up the vacant posts, With regard to the increasing the number, it is for the Chief Justice to tell whether 16 posts are sufficient or not. In case the High Court feels there is need to have additional judges, *i. e.* more than 16 then only we have to consider the question of increasing the number

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question Numbers 541 and 684 may b takenup together

Seegehalla Project in Shimoga Taluk

541 Sri S. M. SHEERANALY CHANDRASEKHAR—(Hosanagar)—Will the Minister of State for Minor Irrigation be plsased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware of the necessity of "Seegehalla" Project in Shimoga Taluk to feed Shimoga and Honnali Taluks ;

(*b*) whether Government is aware that the Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle has submitted the estimate of the Project to the Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation, Bangalore ;

(*c*) if so, the action the Government has taken in the matter ?

Sri S. B. NAGARAL(Minister of State for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Under Technical Scrutiny.

Haihole Seegehalla Projects in Shimoga Taluk

684. Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Shimoga) –

Will the Minister of State for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the stage at which the Haihole and Seegehalla Projects in Shimoga Taluk stands ;

(*b*) the acreage that comes under the atchkat ;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that Seegehalla feeds nearly 18 big tanks by the surplus water ?

Sri S. B. NAGARAL. (Minister of State for Minor Irrigation)—

(*a*) 1. Haihole Project is under examination by Government.

2. Seegehalla Project is under Tehnical Examination.

(*b*) 1- Haihole Project : Approximately 2890 Acres.

2. Seegehalla Project : 1560 Acres.

(*c*) The existing anicut feeds 24 Tanks.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶಿವರನಾಳಿ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ತಾವು (ಇ)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ರೀರಿ. ಈ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು ಯಾವ ಬೇಸಿಸ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಆರ್ಥವಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ, ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಲ್ ಆಗಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸೂಪರಿಂಟೆಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರಿಗೆ ಚೀಫ್‌ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರಿಂದ ಆದೇಶ ಬಂದಿದೆ,ಚೀಫ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಶಿವಮೊಗಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಸೀಗೆಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಈ ವರ್ಷವೇ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ಲಿಯರೆನ್ಸ್ ಕೂಡ ಬಂದಿದೆ, ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ನಗರಾಳ್.—1975-76ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಡ್ಜೆಟ್ ಪ್ರಾವಿಷನ್ ಮಾಡಿ, ಸ್ಕೀಮು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳರಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—Does the Hon. Minister is aware that these projects *i. e.* Haihole and Seegehalla Projects are going to irrigate about 60 scarcity affected villages of Shimoga District, which have been chronically affected by drought conditions ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ನಗರಾಳ್.—ಸ್ಕೀಮು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಜೇಕು, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ 48ರಷ್ಟು ಇರಿಗೇಷನ್ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಡ್ರಾಟ್ ಅಫ್‌ಕ್ಟೆಡ್ ಏರಿಯಾ ಕೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—I am refferring to the particular area. About 60 villages which have been choronically affected by drought conditions. Perhaps the Hon. Minister is not aware of it. If he is not aware, I am bringing this to his notice.